

## Engineer involved with Willow Creek Dam named Engineer of year

A Walla Walla, Wash. man who was involved with construction of Willow Creek Dam has been named Engineer of the Year for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, announced Ken Gardner of the Walla Walla District Public affairs office.

Ernest K. Schrader, 35, a concrete and construction materials specialist, has worked for the Corps' Walla Walla District since 1974. As the Corps' Engineer of the Year, Schrader and engineers representing other federal agencies were honored at a banquet in Washington, D.C. February 24. The banquet was sponsored by the National Association of Professional Engineers and was held as part of National Engineers Week.

In selecting Schrader for this honor, the Corps recognized his extensive work in concrete construction techniques. Schrader was instrumental in advocating a new dam construction technique called roller compacted concrete (R.C.C.) for a flood control project in Heppner. Willow Creek Dam in Heppner is the first large dam in the United States to be constructed using roller compacted concrete. The use of R.C.C. at Willow Creek resulted in the dam being built in less time and at less cost than estimated for the traditional construction methods of poured concrete or rock fill, Gardner said. Schrader served as a materials advisor to the project engineer at Willow Creek. Schrader has received several awards for this work, including the Ralph A. Tudor



Ernest K. Schrader, Engineer of the Year for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, stands next to Willow Creek Dam in Heppner. Schrader is a concrete specialist with the Corps' Walla Walla, Wash. District.

Medal in 1979 and the U.S. Army Research and Development Award in 1976. The Tudor Medal is presented annually to a distinguished young engineer by the Society of American Military Engineers.

A graduate of Clarkson College of Technology in Potsdam, N.Y., Schrader holds both a bachelor's and a master's degree in civil engineering. He has published a number of professional papers and lectured on concrete technology. He is a member of the U.S. Commission on Large Dams and the American Concrete Institute where he serves on six committees and chairs several subcommittees, Gardner reported.

In Walla Walla, Schrader works in the foundations and materials branch of engineering division. The Walla Walla District covers 113,000 square miles of the Snake River

## Tuesday fire causes \$4,000 damage to Heppner home

The Heppner Fire Department was summoned to a house fire on West Union Ave. in Heppner Tuesday at about 9:15 a.m.

The house, owned by Sara Adkins of Heppner, had just been rented to the Steve Ford family.

Heppner Fire Chief Forrie Burkenbine said that combustibles on a electric range

### Wagon Trail Cookers meet

By PAULA HEATHERLY

Nancy Taylor opened the meeting of Wagon Trail Cookers 4-H Club on February 28 at Mrs. Geer's home. Beth Heatherly and Nancy Taylor said the pledges.

The cookers made hasty stew, cherry cobbler and muffins. Everything was good.

Paula Heatherly was to give a demonstration at the next meeting, on March 7.



Firemen break-in to an occupied house on West Union Ave. in Heppner to put out fire Tuesday.

was the probable cause of the fire. Burkenbine said the family had just moved in and had put a box on top of the range, which had one of the

switches turned on. Columbia Basin Electric Co-op reportedly turned the home's electricity on Tuesday morning, the burner heated, and caught

the box on fire. The fire chief estimated \$4,000 damage to the house, saying that most of the damage was caused by heat and smoke.

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## Creative Arts members ready for show, sale

Morrow County Creative Arts members held a meeting on February 28 at the Wagon Wheel Cafe in Heppner. A program by Cork Norene was the highlight of the evening, said member Betty Mills of Heppner.

During the meeting a work list was made for the coming art show and sale on Thursday, Mar. 17, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the old Post Office building in Heppner. Many artists are preparing paintings for that day, including Mary Lou Carlson of Boardman. Her paintings are florals, landscapes and seascapes, Mills said. Most of her recent landscapes include people or animals. Carlson was a student of Merlin Enadit, an artist internationally known for his color concept, Mills explained. She has followed his use of color on canvas and color balancing. She will have several paintings at the show and sale.

Exhibiting landscapes and floral paintings will be Bebe Munkers of Heppner. She has become a palette knife painter, following the style of Robert Walton of Leavenworth, Wash. She has developed Walton's fine touch with the palette knife so none of the knife strokes are visible, also, no heavy paints are used, Mills said. Munkers also uses Walton's colors and is one of the few members who continually uses the palette knife for landscapes. Munkers got her start in oil painting under Bill Hughes of Blue Mountain Community College. She also has studied under Robert Thomas and Peggy Gilliam.

Shirley Martin will have two and one-half foot tall American cloth dolls at the St. Patrick's Day event. She also

paints with oils and has an interest in Western art, Mills said.

Pencil and charcoal art will be displayed by Molly Day. She is also interested in Western art, and Indian paintings. Day will have several pieces of her work at the show and sale.

Inetia Cantin has three new oils ready and is presently working on another. She studied under several artists and prefers using colors similar to those used by Robert Walton. She will have a variety of oil paintings for sale, Mills said.

Western painters Pauline Matheny and Gayle Elliott have been spending many hours finishing up new paintings for the event. Sylvia McDaniel, who has put several local buildings on canvas, will have a painting of pyramids at the show and sale. She paints many history related subjects, and after studying under Robert Thomas, uses his colors in most of her paintings.

Members of the group will also have art work for sale in a discount corner. Framed and unframed pictures will be available at very reasonable prices, Mills said.

Coffee and cookies will be served free of charge to those who drop by.

## Little League registration slated

Boys and girls interested in registering for Little League may sign up at Ron McDonald Chevrolet in Heppner March 14 and 15 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Those interested must bring their birth certificates.

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